

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,682,197 of *Moghadam et al.* ("*Moghadam*").

Claims 9 and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of *Moghadam* and U.S. Patent No. 7,064,783 of *Colavin et al.* ("*Colavin*").

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of *Moghadam* and U.S. Patent No. 5,500,707 of *Yoshida* ("*Yoshida*").

Claims 15 and 23-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of *Moghadam* and *Colavin* and U.S. Patent No. 7,053,953 of *Belz et al.* ("*Belz*").

Claims 1 and 13 are cancelled.

The examiner has stated that claims 2-7 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of base claim 1 and any intervening claims.

In response, applicant has amended claim 2 to include all of the limitations of base claim 1 and has amended claims 14-15 to depend from claim 2. Given that claims 3-7 and 14-15 depend from amended claim 2 it is submitted that claims 2-7 and 14-15 are in a condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 11 to include all of the limitations of base claim 1 and allowable claim 13. Given that claim 12 depends from amended claim 11 it is submitted that claims 11-12 are in a condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 16 to include limitations similar to the limitations of allowable claim 2. Given that claims 17-24 depend from amended claim 16 it is submitted that claims 16-24 are in a condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 8-10 are not obvious in view of the references cited by the examiner because none of the references cited by the examiner teach or suggest capturing a series of image strips each encompassing a sub area of an image sensor used to sample a panoramic image as claimed in amended claim 8. The examiner has stated that Figure 5 of *Moghadam* shows image strips of a panoramic image scene.

(Page 2, Office Action, 11-29-07). It is respectfully submitted that that portions 56, 58, 62, 52, and 54 of IMAGE 1 and IMAGE 2 shown in Figure 5 of *Moghadam* are not image strips each encompassing a sub area of an image sensor as claimed in amended claim 8. Instead, Figure 5 of *Moghadam* shows a data format for IMAGE 1 and IMAGE 2 in which portions 56, 58, 62, 52, and 54 provide header and indicator and data fields for a data stream. (*Moghadam*, col. 3, line 53 through col. 4, line 17).

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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